

Prior law, relative to wildlife and fisheries, defined "bona fide resident" as any person who has resided in Louisiana continuously during the 12 months immediately prior to the date on which he applies for any license and who has manifested his intent to remain in this state by establishing Louisiana as his legal domicile. New law adds that the person must be a U.S. citizen and retains remainder of prior law.

Prior law defined "nonresident" as any person who is a not a bona fide resident. New law defines "nonresident" as any person who is not a bona fide resident. Also provides that, for purposes of obtaining commercial fishing licenses, a nonresident shall be a U.S. citizen.

New law defines "alien individual" as any person who is not a U.S. citizen, or any corporation or other legal entity which is organized and domiciled in any country other than the U.S.

Prior law relative to the obtaining of fishing and fish industry licenses provided certain requirements for the obtaining of licenses, including application information and validation, acceptable payment, and proof of residency for resident licenses. New law retains prior law and adds that the fee for licenses for alien individuals for commercial fishing licenses, vessel licenses, gear licenses, wholesale/retail seafood dealers licenses, transport licenses, and soft shell crab shedders licenses, shall be two times the cost of a similar nonresident license.

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(Amends R.S. 56:8(12)(a)(intro. para.) and (69) and 301.2(intro. para.); Adds R.S. 56:8(69.1) and 301.2(B))